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BURNED THE GAMBLER'S TOOLS.

Sheriff Of Shoshone County, Idaho, Starts Costly Bondfire.

Yallace, Idaho, Jan. 5.—Acting under orders from District Judge Morgan the sheriff of Shoshone county publicly burned today all gambling paraphernalia seized several weeks ago in a raid on the gambling resorts in the Coeur d'Alen cities.

Devices of all descriptions were consumed, valued at many thousands of dollars. The owners had the paraphernalia insured and state they will hold the insurance companies for the loss.

GENERAL REYES TAKES PLUM.

His Selection For Presidency Alters His Mind.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Although he declared under no circumstance should he be a candidate for the presidency of Colombia, General Rafael Reyes does not feel he can decline to serve now he has been selected.

The state department's answer to Gen. Reyes formal note has been prepared at the department and will be transmitted in a few days to Gen. Reyes.

CITY'S DEBT IS \$164,261.92

Reports of Treasurer Dealey and Auditor Anderson Filed Yesterday.

POOR TIME TO MAKE SHOWING

Resources Include Only Such Accounts as Are Certainly Collectable—Statement for Quarter Ending With New Year.

On the first day of the new year the city of Astoria's liabilities aggregated almost a quarter of a million—\$223,744.35. On the other hand, the city's resources amounted to \$59,482.43, the excess of liabilities being \$164,261.92, which represents the debt of the city.

Yesterday Auditor Anderson and City Treasurer Dealey filed their quarterly reports. Notwithstanding that the two officials had never compared notes, the reports tallied to a cent, as has been the case with all the reports filed jointly by them.

At the end of the last quarter, September 30, the debt of the city was shown to have been \$159,000 in round numbers, whereas it is now \$164,000, an increase of \$5,000 in three months. Auditor Anderson explains that the last quarter always shows the greatest debt, while the second quarter brings the indebtedness to the minimum. This is due to receipt of taxes during the second quarter.

"The statement of the indebtedness of the city contained in my quarterly report is an accurate one," said Mr. Anderson yesterday. "I have computed as resources only such outstanding accounts as are collectable and have made no effort to improve the showing by including those accounts which will probably never be collected. The excess of liabilities as shown January 1 is the very greatest amount that can be shown at any time of the year."

The report of the auditor is as follows:

Liabilities—
General fund warrants outstanding \$ 26,429 20
Street repair warrants outstanding 164 55
Street improvement warrants outstanding 17,128 40
Municipal bonds (except street) 173,050 00
Municipal street bonds 6,072 30

Total liabilities \$223,744 35
Resources—
Taxes outstanding \$ 11,189 30
Street and sewer assessments outstanding 29,518 87
Cash on hand 18,774 26

Total resources \$ 59,482 43
SUMMARY.
Liabilities \$223,744 35
Resources 59,482 43

Excess of liabilities \$164,261 92
According to the report none of the old general fund warrants was paid during the quarter. September 30 general fund warrants to the amount of \$15,499.95 were outstanding and during the three months following warrants aggregating \$810.89 were paid. The payments on street repair and street improvement warrants during the fourth quarter of 1903 exceeded the total amount of warrants outstanding January 1 was \$43,722.15.

The following statement of the receipts and disbursements for the quarter ending January 1 is taken from the reports of the auditor and treasurer:

Receipts—
Liquor licenses \$ 4,000 00
City taxes, 1902 1,359 81
Fines, forfeitures and cemetery receipts 2,861 00
Sundry licenses 1,471 00
Rebate 2 00
Street assessments 8,241 52

Interest paid in 104 72

Total receipts \$25,708 94

Disbursements—

General fund warrants paid \$ 810 89
Bond interest paid 1,503 75
Street repair warrants paid 1,099 32
Street improvement warrants paid 4,462 00
Street bonds and coupons paid 1,567 91
Coupon and warrant interest paid 530 81

Total disbursements \$ 9,403 87
The amount of cash on hand is thus shown to be \$18,774 26.

TO MARRY MILLIONAIRE.

Former Portland Girl Takes Long Social Jump.

Walla Walla, Wash., Jan. 5.—From hotel clerk to millionaire's wife may seem a long jump, but that is the leap about to be taken by Miss Wanda Bracht, sister of Mrs. X. Michellod, of Walla Walla. For the past six months Miss Bracht has been employed as clerk in the Louvre hotel on Main street. She left last night for Philadelphia, where she is to meet Dr. C. T. Knowlton, her future husband.

Miss Bracht first met Dr. Knowlton in Portland, about five years ago, and he has been corresponding with her ever since. Miss Bracht is an expert photographer and was employed in some of the Portland galleries while in that city. She was also an employee of the Vancouver, Wash., Independent. Dr. Knowlton is a practicing physician in Philadelphia and is said to have made preparations for a fancy wedding.

Miss Bracht expects their wedding trip will take them to San Francisco, after which they will return to Philadelphia to live.

When seen yesterday Miss Bracht was busily engaged in packing for her long journey and appeared quite reconciled to the lot of becoming a millionaire's wife. "You can put a little in the paper," she remarked to a reporter, "but don't say much."

DOZEN PEOPLE MAY DIE.

Fatal Head on Collision Occurs in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 5.—A Rock Island passenger train collided with a freight train two miles west of Topeka about 1 o'clock this morning. Reports say many people are caught in the wreckage. A special train with doctors and officials of the road has just left here for the wreck. The general superintendent's office reports it as very serious.

Engineers Reardon and Benjamin were killed. Over a dozen passengers are fatally hurt.

All the passenger coaches except the last two Pullmans, are piled up in a heap. The two trains met squarely in a head on collision.

The superintendent said to the Associated Press:

"We have no positive information about the wreck other than that both engineers and both firemen were killed."

"The last report we got from Willard was that many people were yet under the wreckage, and that all of the cars were wrecked but two."

Seattle, Jan. 5.—According to Charles H. Clarke, a well known business man of this city who arrived home this afternoon after an extended trip in Europe and the orient, war is inevitable in the far east. Six months ago the situation was strained, he says, and at the present time matters have reached such a climax that it is impossible to avert a conflict. He regards the outlook rather serious for Japan. It is conceivable even in that country, he states, that Russia has the best navy, although political corruption may have crippled that branch of the service somewhat. Both nations are thoroughly prepared for war and according to the Seattle man it will come at an early date.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5.—Clement A. Griscom emphatically denies the rumor that he is soon to retire as president of the International Mercantile Marine Company.

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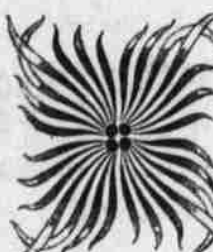
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